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SUBJECT: INQUIRIES CONCERNING THE SAFETY AND EVACUATION OF
VIETNAMESE NATIONALS

1. EMBASSY SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER AGENCIES HAVE RECEIVED HUNDREDS OF INQUIRIES OVER PAST FEW DAYS CONCERNING THE SAFETY OF SPECIFIC VIETNAMESE NATIONALS AND THEIR POSSIBLE TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES. INQUIRIES HAVE COME FROM PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS, THE PRESS, THE CONGRESS, BUSINESS FIRMS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND INVOLVE VIETNAMESE RELATIVES, FRIENDS AND EMPLOYEES OF AMERICAN INDIVIDUALS AND COMPANIES.

2. WE HAVE SOUGHT TO RESPOND SYMPATHETICALLY TO THESE INQUIRIES, NOTHING THAT IT IS A MAJOR PROBLEM AND THAT WE WILL DO WHAT WE CAN TO ASSIST. HOWEVER, THE ISSUE CON-
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CERNS VIETNAMESE CITIZENS WHO ARE GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF

THEIR COUNTRY, AND THE PRESENT GVN TRAVEL BAN PRECLUDES
MOST DEPARTURES.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE REPORT AS TO HOW EMBASSY IS RESPONDING
TO SUCH INQUIRIES. IS THERE ANY EVIDENCE THAT THE GVN IS
PREPARED TO EASE CURRENT TRAVEL BAN TO PERMIT DEPARTURE OF
AT LEAST SOME CATEGORIES -- E. G. RELATIVES OF U. S.

NATIONALS OR VIETNAMESE RESIDING IN THE U. S.? KISSINGER

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